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Amendments to the Specification:

In the Specification, please replace the two paragraphs starting on page 4, line 16 and ending on page 5, line 2 by the following amended paragraph.

The solventless, cationic polymer retention aids suitable for the purposes of the present invention are characterized by the fact that they do not contain any oil phase. They are liquid, aqueous, solventless dispersions of cationic polymers with typical charge densities of between 20 and 75% mole percent, solids content between 2 and 70%, and viscosities in water at 1% of between 2000 and 20000 mPa sec. These viscosities are measured according to DIN (German Industry Standard) 53018/53019 as indicated. ~~The synthesis of such polymeric dispersions is described, for example~~ in U.S. Patent No. 5,480,934 where the synthesis of such polymeric dispersions is described and where it is also indicated that they can be used as a retention agent in paper production, as a soil improvement agent or as a dispersing agent. However, no suggestion is made in this patent that they could be employed as a component of the phenolic resin/PEO system, resulting in the above mentioned advantages.